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The Honorable Peter A. DeFazio Chairman Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure United States House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Sam Graves
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Dear Chairman DeFazio and Ranking Member Graves,

I am requesting funding for the Bristol Station Accessibility Improvements Project in the upcoming surface transportation reauthorization legislation. The project sponsor is the Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority (SEPTA), and the project is located at Garden Street and Beaver Street in Bristol, PA 19007.

The funding is designated for comprehensive program improvements at the Bristol Station, a SEPTA Regional Rail station located on the Trenton Regional Rail Line. The station platforms will be reconstructed to high-level, including the addition of high-quality shelters and integrated emergency low-level platforms. The existing stairways at the station will be improved, and elevators from the street level to the platforms will be installed.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars and is anticipated to benefit an average of 759-weekday-passengers who use the Bristol Station. The installation of elevators along with high-level platforms will make Bristol Station fully Americans with Disabilities Act accessible. Additionally, the high-level platforms will further allow all riders to board and disembark from trains more efficiently. The improved stairways, new station canopies, and platform shelters will offer a pleasant and convenient waiting area for passengers. The integrated emergency low-level platforms will allow for safe movements of riders and SEPTA personnel between trains and the station in extenuating circumstances. Funding for this project is imperative to make the much-needed safety and accessibility improvements to the Bristol Station.

I certify that neither my immediate family nor I have any financial interest in this project. Thank you for your time and consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Brian Fitzpatrick Member of Congress